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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

VELCULESCU *et al.*

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Director of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed July 29, 2002. Claims 32-37, 43, and 44 are pending and are currently rejected. Appendix I is a marked up version of the claims to show the changes made.

A petition for a one-month extension of time is filed with this response. We believe no other fee is due in connection with this response. If any additional fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 33 and 34 and amend claims 32 and 43 as follows.

32. (Three Times Amended) An array of probes on a solid support for detecting gene expression, wherein at least one probe comprises at least 14 contiguous nucleotides of an open